

2023 POAC JUDGE TEST

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Questions on this test are based on the rules in the 2022 POA Official Handbook. Answer the questions by indicating the most appropriate answer either "T" for true and "F" for false on the first line in front of the question and ***on the second line in front of the question indicate the page number(s) on which the correct answer is located.*** Make sure you answer both parts to each question. A perfect score is 100. *Failure to follow the above instructions will delay the processing of your judge's renewal!*

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___---___ 1. Any judge who has been contracted to judge any major POAC event (Regional or National Congress) will not be allowed to judge another POAC approved event 60 days prior to or after the major event in the same region that the major event is being held.

___---___ 2. Once a class has been judged and announced, it shall not be rejudged, and once the judge has marked his final record there shall be no changes and the placings are final. If clerical corrections are made, they must be initialed by the judge.

___---___ 3. A ring steward shall witness any conferences deemed necessary by the judges.

___---___ 4. Protective headgear must be worn in all youth classes on the flat in which hunt seat attire is worn, in all classes over fences and in all gymkhana classes, if it does not remain in place on top of the head or the chinstrap is not fastened, exhibitors will not be disqualified.

___---___ 5. In trail classes trot-overs and lope-overs may be elevated to 10", except that trot-overs and lope-overs cannot be elevated for In-Hand Trail and 9&Under Trail.

___---___ 6. An adult is required to accompany any driver 13 years old and under.

___---___ 7. Native American Regalia conforms to the original and reproduces the essential features of a tribe's regalia so as to honor the chosen tribe.

___---___ 8. No individuals nor their POAs may show before a judge with whom, within three months prior to the show, they, or their parent, guardian, or instructor has had any financial transactions in connection with instruction or the sale, purchase, lease, board, or training of a pony. (Stud fees and broodmare board excluded).

___---___ 9. Excessive use of whips, bats, over-unders, spurs or abuse of a pony will be cause for disqualification from the class, up to the dismissal from the entire show, at the judge's and/or show committees discretion.

___---___ 10. Judges may pick their own Ranch Riding pattern that is not listed in the book providing the different pattern has all required maneuvers.

___---___ 11. A back number must be on both sides of the exhibitor's pad while showing in gymkhana classes.

___---___ 12. In all gymkhana timed events, running into the arena directly to the starting line before the gate is closed is a disqualification. (Answer can be found in more than one place.)

___---___ 13. In trail there is a minimum requirement of seven obstacles.

___---___ 14. In the walk trot age division classes, exhibitors may not cross-enter into corresponding 3-gait classes at the same show.

___---___ 15. In the Hunter in Hand Class a bridle is optional on yearlings but mandatory on ponies two and older.

___---___ 16. Split reins can be tied together in leadline and 9 & under events (exception gymkhana).

___---___ 17. All horsemanship/equitation patterns (except leadline) must have a walk/trot (9&u), lope both leads with either a simple or flying lead change (10-13, 14-18, 18&u, 19&o).

___---___ 18. In no class can hunt seat and western tack and attire be mixed, with the exception of gymkhana.

___---___ 19. Having more than one person in the ring with one pony or more than one pony in the arena with one entrant is a disqualification, exceptions are youth pleasure driving and all Leadline classes.

___---___ 20. At the discretion of judge, any rider receiving assistance from outside the ring may be disqualified from the class.

___---___ 21. Short sleeved shirts with a collar may be allowed at the judges discretion and must be announced prior to the class.

___---___ 22. Judges cards MUST be signed by the person officiating the classes.

___---___ 23. Leadline 6 & Under gymkhana classes are walk-trot only. Executing a lope for more than three consecutive strides will result in disqualification.

___---___ 24. Exhibitors running into the arena directly into the starting line before the gate is closed in gymkhana classes is permitted.

___---___ 25. Trail may be exhibited in western or hunt seat attire.

Be sure you have filled in all the ___---___. THANK YOU

REMEMBER, this is a 100-point test. Check your test and make sure you fill in **both** blanks.